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My dear Miss Mason.

You must be wondering
at no letter from me, in
answer to your very kind
one of last week. One cause
of delay has been that Professor
Stuart Poole has been away,
& I have had no chance
of seeing him, & I thought
the Child's Guide might wait
a few days. Thanks very
much for all you kindly
say. The second cause of

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day has been. That Mrs.
Culverhouse turned up last
week without her daughter
but on my representing
that you particularly wished
me to see her, that young
lady turned up this afternoon
with an elder sister.

The Culverhouses seem
sensible & very intelligent
people. & May herself
looks a quiet earnest
girl. She assures me
that she is very strong

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in health, & is devoted
to children. She looks
capable, & is neat in style.
They seemed to be under
the impression that the
House of Ed. opens in the
Spring, but I told them
I thought it was soon
after Xmas. They were
anxious to know the
lines of education; &
I referred them to "Home
Education," & the P.R.
neither of which books
had they seen. They also

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wanted to know what would
be the position of the trained
nurse. I said that the
demand for the trained nurse
came from the Upper Classes
& that the position w^{ld} most
likely be that of a governess.
e.g. meals with the children
in the nursery, & (suppos^e)
a nursery maid to clean,
carry water, push perambulator?
Under the trained
nurse's direction. The girl
is not accomplished, &
seems afraid of being asked
to do much teaching.
They wanted also to know

if the boarding house
was a house just newly
built for the purpose.
I said. I thought not.

Have you heard of many
students yet? I have
sent off all the prospectuses
I had to the likeliest
people I know. but
haven't heard of anyone
yet. I should be so glad
if I can interview any
one else for you.

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I have been the best
part of today, at the
Private View of the
Victorian Exhibition

There is much that is
very interesting, especially
should I like you to
see Maurice & Kingsley's
portraits by Lowes
Dickenson, & Miss
Ullock's by Kerkowen.
There is also a very
delightful portrait of

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Mr & Mrs Fawcett.

Put like the children,
I do wish it had been
the Plantagenets His
Year! Still in spite of the
wearisome, endless &
badly painted Royal
Christenings & weddings

The exhibition as a whole
certainly does help one
to realize what a wonder-
ful age His is. There
are models of the first
loom, sewing machine,

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railway engine, telephone
telegraph apparatus &c. &c.
& the autograph letters &
first editions of famous
books are delightful.

I do hope you are going to
take a little rest in the
coming holidays. Though
fear this is scarcely possible
with your "last child"
not able to run alone!
With much love & all
possible good wishes for
success

Affectionately yours
Frances Epps.